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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE COVERAGE OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE BY HEALTH INSURERS.

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1 Whereas, the State of Arizona greatly values the mental health of its
2 citizens; and

3 Whereas, ensuring proper insurance coverage for health and mental
4 illnesses is integral to maintaining the individual rights and liberties of
5 Arizona's citizens; and

6 Whereas, President George W. Bush signed the Paul Wellstone and
7 Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008, which
8 subsequently became public law on October 3, 2008 after more than a decade of
9 struggle; and

10 Whereas, Congress expressed overwhelming approval of this act, which
11 will go great lengths towards achieving equitable treatment for the Arizona
12 public; and

13 Whereas, the passage of this act will contribute greatly to ending
14 mental health discrimination and safeguarding the health and well-being of
15 all citizens.

16 Therefore

17 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
18 Senate concurring:

19 That the Members of the Legislature express their support of mental
20 health care coverage by this state's health insurers.